

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** our children are our greatest treasure and we must do everything possible to keep them safe and free from harm as they grow; and

**WHEREAS,** each day, families across America experience grief and anxiety as a result of the disappearance of a child; and

**WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State has more than 25 missing children, including runaways, victims of family and stranger abductions, and those who have simply disappeared, who have been gone from a matter of weeks to nearly 20 years; and

**WHEREAS,** regardless of the circumstances surrounding their disappearance, all missing children are endangered, needing our cooperation and attention to Amber Alerts, photographs, and other notifications in an effort to reunite them with their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2005, as

### MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of missing children, the dangers they face, and the loved ones who await their safe return.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**